

CLINICAL THERAPIST

FUNCTION OF THE JOB

Under supervision, to perform professional clinical work in a variety of settings for clients of all ages; and to perform other duties as required.

CHARACTERISTIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Receives referrals of voluntary and involuntary clients with difficult mental health and behavioral problems and conducts assessment of treatment needs.
2. Provides psychotherapeutic treatment in a variety of settings to individuals, couples, families, and groups to resolve social, personal, developmental, behavioral, and/or mental disorders.
3. Develops and implements a treatment plan to meet the needs of the client utilizing psychotherapeutic treatment methods.
4. Interprets nature of illness and prescribes course of treatment to clients and families.
5. Participates in client staffings, reviews, and multi-disciplinary team discussions to formulate diagnoses and develop treatment and service plans.
6. Serves as a liaison and consultant to staff and other Human Services agencies.
7. Provides community education and public speaking on various community mental health issues and related topics.
8. Performs clinical crisis intervention and emergency intake evaluations for clients of all age groups.
9. Provides court related clinical duties such as assessments, testimony, reports, and recommendations.
10. Responds on a 24 hour basis to First Call For Help, police, and Children's Center emergencies involving assigned clients.
11. Completes documentation for billing of services and maintains mandated clinical documentation.
12. Establishes and maintains effective working relations with clients, families, staff, other agencies, and the general public.
13. Performs other duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

Essential Knowledge and Abilities

1. Considerable knowledge of psychopathology, mental health principles, and techniques of clinical therapy.
2. Working knowledge of the signs and symptoms of reactions to psychotropic drugs used in the treatment of mental disorders.
3. Working knowledge of techniques to identify clients with alcohol or other drug abuse problems.
4. Working knowledge of computerized department program software, internet access, and database, spreadsheet, and word processing programs.
5. Working knowledge of human service organizations, mental health, and other community resources.
6. Working knowledge of applicable codes, rules, statutes, and regulations.
7. Ability to interpret psychosocial and DSM IV diagnoses to individuals and families.
8. Ability to utilize word processing, database and spreadsheet programs.
9. Ability to participate in multi-disciplinary decision making and treatment planning.
10. Ability to develop treatment plans and to provide psychosocial and psychotherapeutic treatment services to individuals, families, and groups.
11. Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with clients, families, staff, other agencies, and the general public.
12. Ability to respond appropriately to mental health emergency situations and utilize crisis intervention techniques and procedures.

QUALIFICATIONS (cont.)

13. Ability to complete clinical documentation and write reports as needed.
14. Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

Training and Experience

1. Graduation from an accredited college or university with an master's degree in psychology (clinical, counseling, educational,) counseling and guidance, social work or closely related area. Candidates with a masters in Social Work must have Advanced Practice Social Worker status as a minimum.
2. Two (2) years of post bachelor work experience in psychology (clinical, counseling, educational), counseling and guidance, social work or closely related area.